

REMARKS

This Response is being submitted in response to the *Office Action* mailed June 8, 2007. Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. In the *Office Action*, Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *BIST-Based Delay-Fault Testing in FGPA's* by Abamovici, *et al.* Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks below.

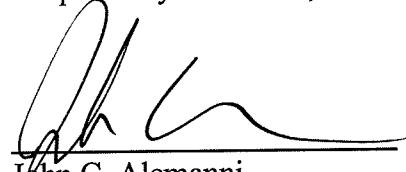
In order to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), a reference must evidence that the invention was known or used by others in this country, or must be a patent or printed publication in this or a foreign country, that was patented or printed, respectively, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The present application is a national stage application claiming benefit to PCT Application PCT/US03/20705, which was filed on July 1, 2003. PCT Application PCT/US03/20705, in turn, claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/392,543, which was filed on July 1, 2002. The Abramovici, *et al.* article cited by the Examiner in the *Office Action* was filed as the '543 provisional application. The article was submitted to the *Journal of Electronic Testing* by the inventors of the present application on July 21, 2002, approximately three weeks after the provisional application was filed. Accordingly, the Abramovici, *et al.* article is not prior art under § 102(a), and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-35 be withdrawn. Applicant also requests that the finality of the *Office Action* be withdrawn.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-35 are allowable. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite the prosecution of the application or to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below

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